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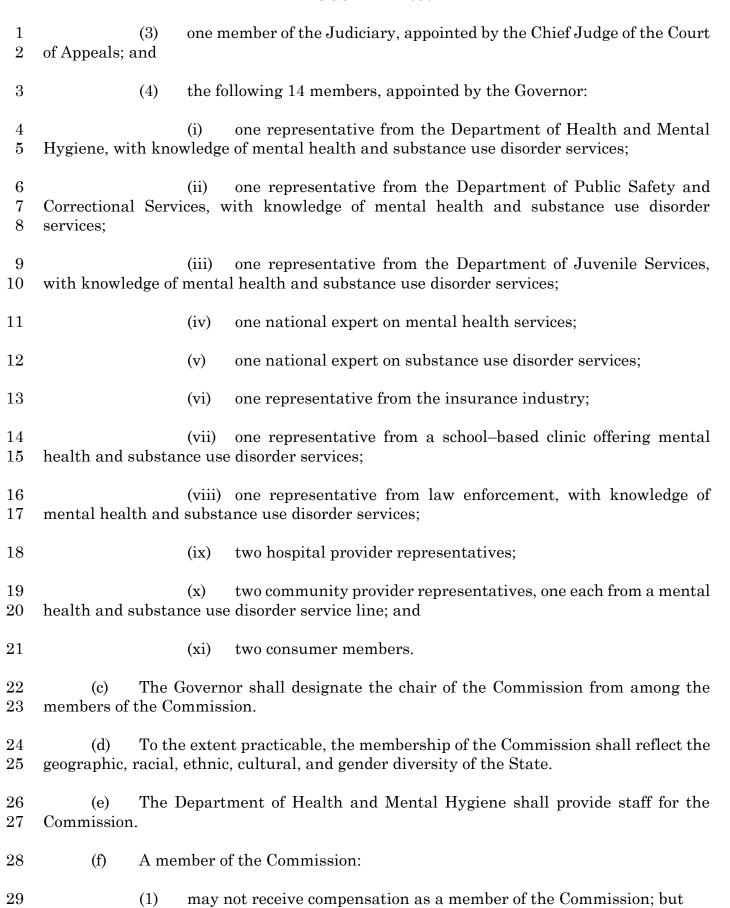
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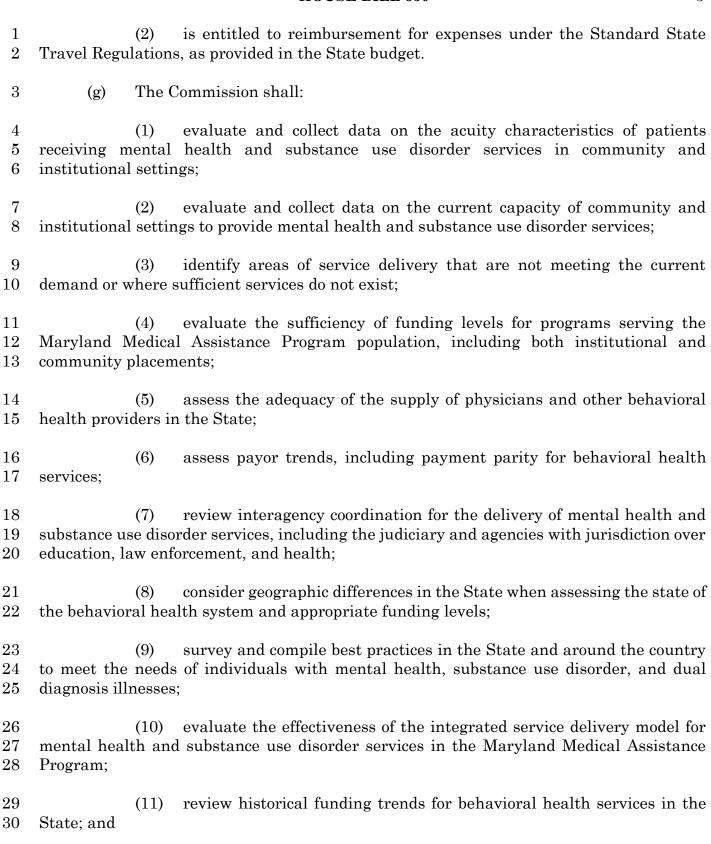
1 AN ACT concerning

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Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health System

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's 4 Behavioral Health System; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the 5 Commission; requiring, to the extent practicable, the membership of the Commission 6 to reflect a certain diversity; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving 7 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; 8 requiring the Commission to study and make certain recommendations; requiring 9 the Commission to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly 10 on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally 11 relating to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health 12 System.
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 14 That:
- 15 (a) There is a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health 16 System.
- 17 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:
- 18 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of 19 the Senate;
- 20 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the 21 House:





32 (i) a comprehensive State plan to address deficiencies in services or 33 provider supply identified through the Commission's work;

make recommendations regarding:

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of no further force and effect.

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$\frac{1}{2}$	(ii) best practices for interagency coordination to effectively deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to individuals in the State; and
3 4	(iii) an assessment of the resources needed to fully fund the State's behavioral health system.
5 6 7	(h) (1) On or before November 1, 2015, the Commission shall submit an interim report on its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with $\S 2-1246$ of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
8 9 10	(2) On or before December 31, 2016, the Commission shall submit a final report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
11 12 13	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and